

# BEST MEMORIES AROUND THE KITCHEN TABLE

**Day after day they met as a group  
in the Temple, and they had their  
meals together in their homes,  
eating with glad and humble hearts,  
Acts 2:46 GNT**

SEEING GOD IN EVERYTHING

When I was young, my family and I lived in a snug one-bedroom apartment. To accommodate our sleeping needs, my parents transformed the dining room into their bedroom, leaving the bedroom for my sister and me. This arrangement led to our family meals and gatherings in the kitchen. The centerpiece of our kitchen was a table with a Formica tabletop trimmed in rippled chrome. The table was paired with coordinating chrome-plated chairs that had padded seats. Today, these tables are referred to as retro dinette sets and can be expensive; however, the memories made around that table are priceless.

After finishing our meals, my sister and I would clear the table. Then we would place the dirty dishes in the sink and run water over them in preparation for washing later. We would then return to the table to continue our family conversations. Unlike today, there was no TV or phone in the kitchen—just us. From the oldest to the youngest, we enjoyed this undisturbed time together as we all participated in our household discussions.

I discovered that the table holds significant symbolic meaning throughout the Bible. It represents fellowship, community, and family. Sharing a meal is a common way to fellowship.

It is not just the physical food but, even more so, the camaraderie of sharing hopes and dreams, discussing concerns and issues, enjoying laughter and celebrations, and receiving or giving words of encouragement. Long after a meal is devoured, the continuing face-to-face chat represents the meal's dessert, enjoying the sweet conversation.

Whether we gather around a table, a fire pit, or on blankets at a picnic, let us treasure these memories and appreciate our closeness with family and friends.

Despite being made to eat my vegetables, I will always cherish the precious memories shared around the kitchen table.

*Dear Father, thank You for creating us to fellowship with You and each other.*



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## PRAISE & PRAYER CALENDAR

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Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 2:42	<p>We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves. Rick Warren</p>				1 Praise God for our fellow believers in Christ	2 Pray we realize the importance of fellowshiping with fellow believers	3 Praise God for our church family
	4 Pray we realize fellowship is an essential part of our Christian walk	5 Pray that we will study God's word and grow together	6 Pray that we will gather to pray for others and our world	7 Pray that we will gather to pray for one another	8 Pray that others will be encouraged by our love and fellowship	9 Pray that we will witness to others	10 Pray we realize that together we can make an impact on the world
Proverbs 27:17 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Colossians 3:16	11 Pray that we realize God never intended for us to travel this Christian journey alone	12 Praise God for our family and friends	13 Praise God for those individuals who help us to stay focused on Him	14 Praise God for those individuals who are concerned about our spiritual growth	15 Pray that we will cherish the special people we have bonded with in our lives	16 Pray that we will give and receive Godly advice	17 Pray we will stay connected to our support base
Proverbs 22:6 Deut 6:6-9	18 Pray that parents will take the time to train their children according to God's word	19 Pray that parents will teach their children the scriptures	20 Pray that parents will be a living example of God's word	21 Pray that parents and children will share meals and conversations	22 Pray that families will spend time getting to know, trust, and understand each other	23 Pray that we will make our children feel important and that their concerns and issues matter	24 Pray that families will not get too busy and distracted to spend time together
1 Corinthians 1:9 1 John 1:2-4	25 Pray we realize God wants us to have a close fellowship with Him	26 Pray we realize our fellowship with God is enhanced when we spend time in His word	27 Pray we realize our fellowship with God is enhanced when we obey His word	28 Pray we realize our fellowship with God is enhanced when we spend quality time in prayer	29 Pray we realize our fellowship with God is enhanced when we serve others	30 Pray we realize our fellowship with God is enhanced when we witness to others	31 Praise God for the special moments we share with Him